(New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the first direction corresponds to a sub-scanning direction of the image forming apparatus, and

wherein the second direction corresponds to a main scanning direction of the image forming apparatus.

- (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 12, wherein 17. said resin lens has a surface whose radius of curvature in said second direction is varied along said first direction.
- (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 17, wherein 18. the first direction corresponds to a sub-scanning direction of the image forming apparatus, and

wherein the second direction corresponds to a main scanning direction of the image forming apparatus.